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FROM: Theodore J. Jerdee, Utilities Director

DATE: August 3, 2021

RE: Hydrant Inspection and Flushing Information

Beginning August 16, 2021 and continuing through October 2021 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, Department of Public Works and Fire Department personnel will be conducting fire hydrant inspection, testing, and flushing throughout the city weather permitting. During this activity residents may experience discoloration in their drinking water. This is due to iron deposits in the water main becoming dislodged during the flushing of the hydrants. This discoloration **DOES NOT** cause a health risk; however residents are encouraged to run your cold water fixture through the lowest fixture in your home until the discolored water becomes clear. Also **DO NOT** wash laundry during this period of discolored water. Visit www.newtonma.gov for a list of the day/s fire hydrant inspection/flushing will be performed in your area. However due to emergency calls and weather conditions, we can only specify the area that will be flushed and not the street on any given day.

Should residents have any questions or concerns please call the Utilities Division at 617-796-1640 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday or the Police Control Center at 617-796-2100 during non-business hours. Listed below are the days and areas where hydrant inspection and flushing will be performed.

Monday Newton Corner
 Newtonville
 Nonantum
 Upper Falls
 Newton Highlands
 Waban

Tuesday Lower Falls
 Auburndale
 West Newton
 Newton Corner

Wednesday Upper Falls
 Waban
 Newton Highlands
 Oak Hill
 Lower Falls
 Auburndale
 West Newton

Thursday Newton Centre
 Chestnut Hill